

HUMAN RIGHTS IN BURMA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific concluded joint hearings on Human Rights in Burma: Fifteen Years Post Military Coup, Part II. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Matthew Daley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

INTERNET TOBACCO SALES ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2824, Internet Tobacco Sales Enforcement Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 885, Arizona Water Settlements Act; and H.R. 1753, Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Kyl; Representative Nethercutt; Bennett W. Raley, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; Steven Hickok, Deputy Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—
IMPACT OF NURSING SHORTAGE**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the impact of the nursing shortage on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Cathy J. Rick, R.N., Chief Nursing Officer; Sandra K. Janzen, R.N., Associate Chief of Staff/Nursing, James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital; and Mary Raymer, R.N., Nursing Education Program Manager, Health Care Staff Development and Retention Office; representatives of nursing associations; and public witnesses.

**IRAQ WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
UPDATE**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Iraq Weapons of

Mass Destruction Update. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to examine National Institutes of Health management of biomedical research to prevent and cure disease in the 21st Century, focusing on the doubling of the NIH budget that is fueling scientific advances and the complexity of these new biological discoveries that create scientific and management challenges, after receiving testimony from Elias A. Zerhouni, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Harold Varmus, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York, former Director, NIH; and Harold Shapiro, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Research Council Committee on the Organizational Structure of NIH.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1077)

H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Signed on October 1, 2003. (Public Law 108-90).

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing on the interim report on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled, "What if Isabel Met Tractor Man? A Post-Hurricane Reassessment of Emergency Readiness in the Capital Region," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.